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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed contemporaneously with a filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b). Prior to examination of this continuation application, please amend the priority application as follows:

A. In the specification:

1.) Page 1, please insert the following paragraph after the title:

**-- Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of co-pending International Patent Application Number PCT/GB99/03653, filed November 5, 1999, and claims priority from GB Patent Application Number 9824306.6, filed November 5, 1998. The entire disclosures of the prior applications are incorporated herein by reference.

**Field of the Invention --**

2.) Page 6, please replace paragraph 6 (lines 20-24) with:

-- In another aspect, the invention provides a method for investigating a mammalian gene, which method comprises generating a test population of dendritic cells from a population of embryonic stem cells and comparing the test dendritic cells in respect of the gene.

**Brief Description of the Drawings --**